

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARATMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
OFFICE OF INTEGRATED CARE – CLINICAL OPERATIONS**

MHIP AND USE OF CONSULTING PSYCHIATRIST

The following are recommended points in time when you may consider initiating contact with the consulting psychiatrist as part of your MHIP implementation:

- Upon initial evaluation;
- If you have a question about differential diagnosis, especially for any client who has several medical conditions;
- If you are aware of the client having a recent abrupt change in their mental status;
- If a client presents with any psychotic symptoms, even symptoms that may be mild or transient in nature;
- If the Primary Care Provider places your client on any medication or makes a change in the client's medication;
- If the client complains of any side effects from their medication;
- If the client complains that the psychotropic medication(s) are not working or they feel worse since beginning the medication;
- If the client is not responding to treatment after about the 4th PST session, and
- Before transferring a patient to Tier 1.